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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: LUO et al. Serial No. 09/420,092 Filed: October 18, 1999 For: **CELL CYCLE PROTEINS** ASSOCIATED WITH PCNA. **COMPOSITIONS AND** METHODS OF USE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

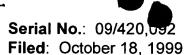
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 4) mailed May 9. 2000 for which the due date for response is June 9, 2000.

The Commissioneris authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-68287/DJB/RMS/DAV).

Please consider this response filed as authorized under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a).





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In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement in this application, Applicants elect for further prosecution of the claim of Group I, namely Claim 1, drawn to a method for screening a bioactive agent capable of binding to a cell cycle protein R0101. This election is made with traverse. In particular, Applicants submit that it is unreasonable to divide an application which only has 9 claims into 5 different prosecutions. Moreover, Applicants submit that it would not be an undue burden to the Examiner to consider at least one of group along with the elected Group 1, particularly considering that Group 1 only contains one claim. If the Examiner does not wish to consider at least one other group at this time, Applicants request that the Examiner revisit this issue during prosecution.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (415) 781-1989 if any issues may be resolved in that manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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